SUBJECT No. 96.

Appointment of Mahomedan officers in each district.

Mr. C. Rasul Khan, Anjuman-e-Islamia, Chikmagalur.

Mr. Rasul Khan.—Before speaking on the subject I beg to point out that the subject as sent by me was 'appointment of non-Brahmin officers in each district' but as it stands it reads 'appointment of Mahomedan officers'. My object in discussing this subject is that the relations between the Hindus and the Mussulmans which are not of the best now will be improved if there is at least one Mahomedan officer in each district. If, as in my original proposition, there are non-Brahmin officers in each district (and I may add, in each taluk) the needs and requirements of these communities can well be placed before Government. As chances come appointments may be given to Non-Brahmin officers.

SUBJECT No. 97.

Permission to the Mahomedan Government servants on Fridays for prayers.

Mr. C. Rasul Khan, Anjuman-e-Islamia, Chikmagalur.

Mr. Rasul Khan.—My next subject is that on all Fridays the Mahomedan officials of Government be granted an interval of two hours between 12 noon and 2 P.M. for *namaz*. If they fail in this duty they will be ex-communicated and there is no time for it at present.

Third Member of Council and the Dewan.—We will give them an hour's time between 12-30 and 1-30.

Mr. Abbas Khan.—I think it will be enough, Sir.

Mr. Rassul Khan.—Much time will be occupied in our having to go to mosques and return. So some more time may be given.

Third Member of Council.—It is only in Bangalore that you have got long distances. In other places mosques are not far off.

Dewan.—We will enquire into the matter.

SUBJECT No. 98.

Direct communications to Representative Assembly Members.

Messrs. K. Venkatasamaiya, Mysore District Board, K. V. Narayana Rao, Nanjangud Municipality; E. Krishnappa and Bandaiya, Nanjangud Taluk.

Mr. K. Venkatasamaiya.—All communications to the Representative Assembly members may be sent direct to them in order to avoid delay.

Third Member of Council.—I do not think it will be possible. There may be frequent changes of address of so many of the members and Government may not be able to know.

Mr. E. Krishnappa.—Whenever there is a change of address we will intimate to Government.

Dewan.—Noted.

Removal of silt in the Krishnarajasagara.

Mr. K. M. Krishnappa, Hole-Narsipur Taluk.

Mr. K. M. Krishnappa.—If I am permitted, I beg to suggest that one more subject may be referred to the Committee appointed to discuss the Krishnarajasagara affairs. The river bed was lowered to 1,500 feet two years ago when there was silt of about 10 or 15 feet; it is about 20 or 25 feet now. Thus the silt is accumulating so that the quantity of water in the river bed becomes less. The Committee may also be requested to see what can be done

to have the silt removed lest there may come a time when it gets closed or give less scope for its accumulating. In 1917-18, Government incurred very heavy losses on this account and ever since that I have been urging this for the consideration of Government.

Chief Engineer.—I do not think anything is possible in that direction. If you see the bed in the month of May this will be clear.

Dewan.--Anyhow we will see what can be done.